

# **Minutes**



#### **PRESENT:**

**Chair:** Cr Fiona Stitfold (Mayor)

**Councillors:** Cr Sonia Castelli (via remote attendance)

Cr Alex del Porto (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Hanna El Mouallem Cr Laurence Evans OAM

Cr Clarke Martin

Officers: Mick Cummins Chief Executive Officer

Tilla Buden Director Community and Customer Experience

Joan Andrews Manager Community Services

Terry Callant Manager Governance Robet Lamb Council Business Lead

## **Membership and Quorum**

Bayside City Council consists of 7 Councillors. The quorum for a Council meeting is a majority of Councillors (4).

A quorum for this meeting was reached with no less than (5) Councillors present at any given time.

The Mayor declared the Special Council Meeting open at 4pm.

The Mayor invited Cr del Porto to read the prayer.

## **Prayer**

O God

Bless this City, Bayside,

Give us courage, strength and wisdom,

So that our deliberations,

May be for the good of all,

Amen

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

Cr El Mouallem read the acknowledgement of Country.

- Bayside City Council proudly acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land, and we pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging as well as any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community members with us today.
- Council acknowledges the Bunurong's continuing relationship to the land and waterways and respects that their connection and spiritual identity is maintained through ancient ceremonies, songlines, dance, art and living culture.
- Council pays tribute to the invaluable contributions of the Bunurong and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Elders who have guided and continue to guide the work we do.

# 1. Apologies

It is recorded that an apology was received from Cr Samuel-King. It is also recorded that Cr Castelli was not present at the commencement of the meeting.

Moved: Cr del Porto Seconded: Cr El Mouallem

That the apology from Cr Samuel-King be noted for the 30 April 2024 Special Council Meeting.

**CARRIED** 

# 2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest of any Councillor

There were no conflicts of interest submitted to the meeting.

The Mayor called for a motion to close the meeting to members of the public in order to consider an item of confidential business and that the meeting be adjourned at 4.03pm for a period of 5 minutes and reconvened in the Mayor's Room to enable Cr Castelli to join the meeting remotely via the facilities available there.

### 3. Confidential Business

#### Moved: Cr Martin Seconded: Cr Evans

- 1. That pursuant to Section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act), the Council resolves that so much of this meeting be closed to members of the public, as it involves Council consideration of a matter coming within some or all of the following categories listed in Section 3(1) (confidential information) of such Act:
  - (a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.
  - (b) security information
  - (c) land use planning information
  - (d) law enforcement information
  - (e) legal privileged information
  - (f) personal information
  - (g) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—
    - (i) relates to trade secrets; or
    - (ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage;
  - (h) confidential meeting information
  - (i) internal arbitration information
  - (i) Councillor Conduct Panel confidential information
  - (k) information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information for the purposes of this definition
  - (I) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989.

#### 3.1 AGED CARE UPDATE

(LGA 2020 Section 3(1)(a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.)

2. That the meeting be adjourned for a period of 5 minutes and reconvened in the Mayor's Room.

CARRIED

Following the consideration of Confidential Business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.39pm.